UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Mark Falk

:

v. : Mag. No. 18-3520

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ALSAMAD HODGES, : ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

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This matter having been opened to the Court by Craig Carpenito,
United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Elaine K. Lou,
Assistant United States Attorney appearing), and the defendant Alsamad
Hodges (Dennis Cleary, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a
continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date
this Order is signed through and including June 30, 2018, to permit defense
counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter
and to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations and attempt to negotiate a
plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that the defendant has the
right to have the matter submitted to a grand jury within thirty days of the date
of the defendant's arrest, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
3161(b), and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived
such right, and this being the second request for a continuance in this matter,
and for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- (1) Taking into account the exercise of diligence, the facts of this case require that defense counsel be permitted a reasonable amount of additional time for effective preparation in this matter;
- (2)Plea negotiations are anticipated, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render any grand jury proceedings and any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;
- (3)The defendant has consented to the above-referenced continuance; and
- (4)As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this 20 day of April, 2018,

ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through and including June 30, 2018; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through and including June 30, 2018, shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

> HONORABLE MARK FALK United States Magistrate Judge

Consented and Agreed to by:

Dennis Cleary, Esq. Counsel for Defendant

Elaine K/Lou

Assistant United States Attorney

Barbara Llanes

Chief, Organized Crime/Gangs Unit